

**Meeting Subject**

**UN Meeting – Global Studies**

**Moderator:** Uwe Skoda

**Ref.:** Sine Gyde Meler

**Date:** February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

**Duration:** 14.00-16.00

**Present**

VIP: Uwe Skoda, Anemone Platz, Gauri Pathak, Derek Pardue, Christina Fiig, Jeremy Morris and Andreas Steen.

Students: Frederik Edsberg Hansen, Malthe Melskens Thomsen, Magnus Rønne Møller, Adam Madsen Thingstrup and Maria Rohde Jensen

Others: Sine Gyde Meler (SNUK, ref), Mikal Nørholm Jensen(studievejleder).

**Absent** Jeppe Norskov Stokholm (SNUK), Aleksander Jensen (Education consultant), Liselotte Malmgart (Director of Studies), Frederik Korsbjerg (Student).

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>Discussion and conclusion:</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<b>1. Approval of agenda and follow up from the minutes from last meeting</b>	Uwe Skoda welcomed the UN to the first meeting in 2022 and the UN started with an introduction round. The UN approved the agenda and there was no follow up on the minutes from the UN-meeting in November 2021.	
<b>2. Briefings (14.05-14.20)</b>	<p>2.1 News from the Board of Studies Uwe Skoda informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The board of studies were informed that there is going to be a change to the procedure for the master thesis regarding to the re-exams (esp. re-formulation of problem statements and deadlines).</li> <li>- The IV-fag have been processed and the course “Power and politics in the digital age” have been approved. It will be in the course catalogue and open for the students in the department to apply.</li> </ul> <p>2.2 News from the Head of Department Uwe Skoda informed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That job announcement for the chef tutor is <a href="#">online</a>, the deadline for applying is the 4<sup>th</sup> of February.</li> <li>- That many students are going abroad for the 4<sup>th</sup> semester. Unfortunately, students can’t go to China and that there are still some uncertainties about Japan. The students have been informed</li> </ul>	

	<p>that there will be the same option for a language course for the students that can't go abroad. The conditions are the same as for the two previous batches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That campus is fully open in the coming semester (F22) – but it might be necessary to find solutions if students and teachers have to stay home because of covid. There are no requirements from Arts that the teacher must stream the classes – but it can be planned if everybody in the class agrees on it. Moreover, it shall be discussed openly in the beginning of each course.</li> <li>- The attendance requirement is suspended again this semester but the activity requirement which must be communicated to the students before the beginning of the semester</li> <li>- There are a lot of phishing mails around – so be careful.</li> <li>- The recruitment videos for quota 2 applications, which the UN have discuss in previous meetings, are ready and will be uploaded on social media. They will be presented to the UN in the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>2.3 News from the student guidance The student guidance informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That they are back on campus.</li> <li>- They are working on U-days and “Karriereveje”, it’s still unclear if the U-days will be on online.</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>2.4 News from the study administration Sine Gyde Meler (SGM) informed that the newsletter from Arts Studies is online: <a href="#">see here</a>. The headlines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arts Student Panel talk about returning to campus after the corona lockdown in 2021</li> <li>- Attendance requirement in spring 2022</li> <li>- Updating the study portal to include new members of the board of studies and degree programme boards</li> <li>- Arts Education Fair 2022</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Establishment of the new degree programme board – as of 1 February 2022 (item for</b></p>	<p>The UN elected Uwe Skoda as chair and Frederik Edsberg as vice-chair of the UN. The other members and alternates were chosen among the VIP and students present:</p>	

<p><b>decision) (14.20-14.30)</b></p>	<p>Student ordinary members: <i>Frederik Edsberg Hansen, Malthe Melskens Thomsen and Magnus Rønne Møller. Frederik Korsbjerg did not attend but is also elected as student ordinary member.</i></p> <p>VIP ordinary members: <i>Anemone Platz</i></p> <p>Student alternates: <i>Maria Rohde Jensen and Adam Madsen</i></p> <p>VIP alternates: <i>Derek Pardue, Christina Füg, Gauri Pathak, Jeremy Morris</i></p> <p>Chun Zhang and Hagen Schulz-Forberg were not present but will also be alternates for the coming semester.</p>	
<p><b>4. Information on degree programmes which are to be evaluated (14.30-14.40)</b></p>	<p>Uwe Skoda welcomed Kim Behrens Jensen from SNUK to the meeting and informed that he will be the SNUK supporter for the upcoming degree programme evaluations. The UN was further informed that the following degree programmes are to be evaluated this year: MA in Global and Area Studies, BA in Japan Studies, China Studies, Brazil Studies, Russia Studies, and India- South Asian studies.</p> <p>It has been decided that Brazil Studies, Russia Studies, and India- South Asian studies are grouped to one evaluation report and that it will be Gauri Pathak, Jeremy Morris, and Derek Pardue, which will be writing the evaluation report. China- and Japan studies are grouped as one evaluation and Anemone Platz and Chun Zhang will be writing the report and finally Uwe Skoda and Anemone Platz will write the report for the MA in Global Area Studies.</p> <p>Kim Behrens Jensen then briefed the UN about the process and that the UN will be orientated during the year and involved in terms of choosing the external experts and commenting on the evaluation reports. The evaluations meetings will be a held in autumn and thereafter the action plans will be revised.</p> <p>Uwe Skoda informed that the UN normally does not have a meeting in June, and this has to be considered in the process.</p> <p>UN thanked Kim Behrens Jensen for joining the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>5. Review of teaching evaluations from the autumn</b></p>	<p>Uwe Skoda started the point by informing that there is a new procedure to the evaluation of the project placement and that the UN will evaluate this course separately in March.</p>	<p>Uwe Skoda</p>

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Uwe Skoda presented some of the main points from the evaluations which he will also mention in the evaluation report that has to be sent to the board of studies. Some of the points are:

- There have been some technical issues with the new evaluation programme “Blue” – this means it hasn’t been possible to evaluate joint courses and in some cases data were lost while restarting the system. Hopefully this will be fixed before the next round of evaluation.
- In the evaluations it is mentioned that there has been a lack of communication about the order of the courses and that this must be communicated earlier going forward.
- Some students are not happy with the teaching rooms which at times are too small and not suitable for teaching. The department is looking into that with UVAEKA, but there is an issue with the number of available classrooms.
- Some student argued for more support and help regarding self-studies.
- Students have criticized the outcome of the course for the master thesis preparation – mainly because many of the students are attending an internship at the same time. A change is expected because MA programmes have included 30ECTS internships now, but the issue will be taken up with the concerned teachers.
- Corona has been a factor again this semester, but overall there seems to be some normality back again in the teaching which is very positive.

The UN discussed the evaluation. The students also expressed concerns about the small classrooms and the learning outcome from the master thesis preparation course on the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. Uwe Skoda said that they are already trying to find solutions for both issues. After this the UN briefly discussed how the teachers can improve the supervision element in the preparation course and try to make this as relevant as possible for all students, because some students can experience that the supervision is not relatable for them in a rather generic course. Christina Fiig pointed out that the general part of the thesis preparation course can contribute positively to the student’s early work for the master thesis and has done so previously.

Uwe Skoda explained for the new members, that UN previously have decided to have a Turnus plan for the course evaluations, because of the high number of degree programmes and courses. The Turnus plan was presented for the UN and will be sent to UN with the minutes, so they can look at the plan and ask questions about it on the UN-meeting in March.

	<p>It has been pointed out that the evaluations for European Studies were not included, though they should have been included because of a new study regulation. They will be presented to the UN.</p> <p><i>Next step:</i></p> <p>Based on the UN discussion, Uwe Skoda will complete the evaluation report on the background of the evaluations notes from the courses and the discussion in the UN and submit it to the SN-secretary no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to the following mail: <a href="mailto:arts.uddannelseskvalitet@au.dk">arts.uddannelseskvalitet@au.dk</a>.</p> <p>The draft of the report will be circulated to the UN.</p>	
<p><b>6. Information on academic regulations/changes to academic regulations following a review by the Dean's Office to take effect on 1 September the current year (orientation) (15.20-15.35)</b></p>	<p>The UN was informed that the vice-dean for education has reviewed the proposals received for new academic regulations and changes to academic regulations and that the approved academic regulations and changes to academic regulations will take effect on 1 September the current year.</p> <p><b>New academic regulations 2022</b> The approved academic regulations are:</p> <p>The Master's degree Programme in Global and Area Studies 2022</p> <p><b>Changes to academic regulations 2022</b> The approved changes to the academic regulations take effect on 1 September. Autumn courses are published in the course catalogue on 1 April.</p> <p>List of the changes that have been reviewed by the Dean's Office:</p> <p><i>Approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bachelor's Degree programme in Global Studies - Preparing for a stay - <i>Addition of the opportunity to write the assignment individually</i></li> <li>• The Bachelor's Degree programme in China-, Japan-, India- and Southasia studies – Introduction to applied qualitative research – <i>Addition of the opportunity for individual exam in the ordinary exam.</i></li> <li>• The Master's Degree Programme in Glas – Project placement – <i>a precision to the formulation in the ordinary and re-examination.</i></li> </ul>	<p>SGM</p>

	<p><i>Not approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bachelor’s Degree Programme in China-, Japan-, India- and Southeast Asia studies – Introduction to applied qualitative research – <i>A precision of the term reflection paper in the re-examination.</i></li> <li>• The Bachelor Supplementary Subject in Addressing global challenges – Multiple courses – <i>Addition og the formulation that the teacher forms the groups</i></li> <li>• The Bachelor Supplementary Subject in Addressing global challenges - Migration and mobilities – <i>Changing the number of pages in the written assignment and removing the possibility of an individual exam</i></li> </ul> <p>The UN discussed the need to start the process for new academic regulations for some of the Ba Programmes. The UN decided to wait until 2023, when the academic regulations have had a full run and after the degree programme evaluations.</p> <p>Sine Gyde Meler will note that the department wishes to look at the possibilities of making new academic regulations in 2023.</p>	
<p><b>7. Summary of degree programme evaluation meetings (orientation) (15-35-15-40)</b></p>	<p>Uwe Skoda informed UN that the revised action plan for European studies has been approved. Christina Fiig gave a brief update on the revised action plan and the work the degree programme is planning and already have begun:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christina Fiig is planning to call for a meeting for the teachers in the programme where they are going to coordinate some of the initiatives in the actions plan.</li> <li>- They are going to work with recruitment and marketing and how to promote English educations in Denmark.</li> <li>- They are looking into a collaboration with SDU.</li> <li>- Working on strengthening the social activities on the degree programme and the department in general.</li> </ul> <p>The UN discussed the possibility to have a point about strengthening social activities across the department in a future meeting, maybe in relation to the “Årlig Status”, where the action plan is to be revised.</p>	

<p><b>8. Meeting schedule for degree programme boards (15.40-15.45)</b></p>	<p>UN confirmed the following meeting schedule for F22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at 14-16</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> of April at 14-16</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 14-16</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Updates</b></p>	<p>3.1 Updates from the students:</p> <p>International studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many students are worried about the lectures won't automatically be recorded if they become sick with covid.</li> <li>- The students were encouraged to talk to the teacher about their concern in the beginning of the semester, so they can make some agreements from the beginning.</li> <li>- A lot of the exchange studies had difficulties understanding the exam forms, but people are in general happy and thriving.</li> </ul> <p>Russia Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The students are looking forward to the new semester.</li> </ul> <p>India and South Asia studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some students were wondering why the mentors were hired late and have mentioned that it would be nice if they had started a bit earlier.</li> </ul> <p>3.2 Updates from the degree programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gauri Pathak informed that a new Ph.D. student are starting this semester and a new postdoc on India and South Asia studies.</li> <li>- Jeremy Morris informed that the students are able to Russia this year and 9 or 10 students are going abroad this semester.</li> <li>- Derek Pardue informed that Brazil studies have an event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February at "Frontløberne".</li> <li>- Christina Fiig informed that Europe Studies are working on implementing activities from the action plan.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anemone Platz informed that in Japan Studies they are trying to find solutions for the students who cannot go to Japan.</li> <li>- Andreas Steen informed that in China Studies they are also trying to find solutions for the students who cannot go to China.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. Suggested points for upcoming meetings</b></p>	<p>10.1 It was suggested to discuss the following topics in future UN-meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthening the social environment across the department (March/April).</li> <li>- A presentation of the quota 2 campaign (March).</li> </ul>	